



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION
OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE
BELVEDERE PARK POOL AND
POOL BUILDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$3,500,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the Belvedere Park Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use of the pool facility site, and the new pool facilities will have the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced and for the reasons cited herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Allocate \$3,500,000 of County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Belvedere Park Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department

of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$3,500,000, for the Belvedere Park Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects, otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$3,500,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Belvedere Park Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project and provide for administration of the grant, when awarded, under the existing Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects (Procedural Guide).

Belvedere Community Regional Park is located at 4914 East Cesar Chavez Avenue in Los Angeles. The proposed Project will consist of demolition of the existing 5,377 square-foot pool building and a 12,130 square-foot competition pool; construction of a new approximately 9,939 square-foot pool building with restrooms, changing rooms, staff offices, storage and utility rooms, and an attached 1,652 square-foot pool mechanical room; an outdoor 12,743 square-foot Olympic size swimming pool; a 5,092 square-foot shallow recreation swimming pool with combined splash pad; and associated site improvements, including parking, walkways, fencing, landscaping, and underground utilities.

The total cost of the Project is \$13,871,000 and the \$3,500,000 in County Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$6,296,000 in Net County Cost allocated for Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services (Proposition 62), \$2,161,000 in Vehicle License Fees, \$500,000 Utility User Tax funds, \$1,180,000 in First Supervisorial District's net County cost, and \$234,000 in Prior Year net County cost.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the Department, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on your Board's agenda, the Department of Parks and Recreation requests your Board's approval to fund the Belvedere Park Pool and Pool Building Replacement Project and the Department of Public Works requests your Board's approval to award a design and build contract for the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational swim opportunities in the East Los Angeles area of the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$3,500,000, is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's

(District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement. The 1996 Proposition also requires that Excess Funds be awarded to cities in the same total amount as is awarded to the County in the same fiscal year.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department would be authorized to award a grant to the Department when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The Project, to demolish an existing pool building and competition pool; and construct a new pool building with an attached pool mechanical room, Olympic-size competition pool, and a combined recreation and splash pool at the existing Belvedere Park pool facility site, along with associated site improvements, including replacement of walkways, fencing, and underground utilities, installation of landscaping, as well as construction of a small parking lot, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (l), 15302(b), 15303 (c) and (e), and 15311 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(h), 2(a), 3(b), and 11(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use of the pool facility site, and the new pool facilities will have the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

A cultural resources assessment of the Belvedere Park Pool facility, including the existing bathhouse, competition pool, and painted murals covering the bathhouse screen walls, was conducted to determine if the existing pool facilities may be considered a historical resource for the purposes of CEQA due to the age of the pool facility. The assessment determined that the pool facilities do not meet the eligibility criteria for state or local historic designation, and that removal of the existing pool facilities will not result in an adverse change to historical resources per the

provisions of CEQA. No mitigation is required and no further actions are necessary under CEQA.

Upon your Board's approval of the proposed Project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance safe and accessible recreational swim opportunities in the East Los Angeles area and benefit other County residents in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors